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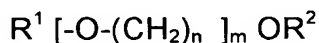
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 1-4 and 12-17, cancel Claims 5, 6, 8-11, 20 and 21, and add Claims 22, 23 and 24.

1. (Currently Amended) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of

- (i) immersing at least a portion of said article in a dyeing bath that contains a carrier and a tinctorial amount of at least one dye, said bath maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C and
- (ii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a predetermined tinging amount of dye to diffuse into said article, and
- (iii) removing said article from said bath,

wherein molded article comprise at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and wherein said carrier conforms to



wherein  $R^2$  denotes butyl, and  $R^1$  independently denotes H or C<sub>4-18</sub>-alkyl, benzyl, benzoyl or phenyl radical,  $n$  is 2 or 3, and  $m$  is 2-35.

2. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1 wherein the bath further contains a ~~surfactant~~ an emulsifier selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C<sub>14</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxypolyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl, alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated.

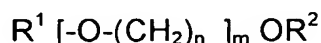
3. (Currently Amended) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of

(i) immersing at least a portion of said article in a dyeing bath that contains a carrier and a tinctorial amount of at least one disperse dye, said bath maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C, and

(ii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a predetermined tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article, and

(iii) removing said article from said bath,

wherein molded article comprise at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and wherein said carrier conforms to



wherein ~~and R<sup>2</sup> denotes butyl, and R<sup>1</sup> independently denotes H or C<sub>4-18</sub>-alkyl, benzyl, benzoyl or phenyl-radical,~~ n is 2 or 3, and m is 2-35.

4. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 3 wherein the bath further contains ~~a surfactant~~ an emulsifier selected from at least one of: ionic emulsifiers; amphoteric emulsifiers; and non-ionic emulsifiers selected from at least one of C<sub>14</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> ethoxylated unsaturated fatty acids, octylphenoxypolyethyleneoxyethanol and poly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl, alpha-phenyl-omega-hydroxy, styrenated.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein dye is a water-insoluble dye selected from the group consisting of azo, diphenylamine and anthraquinone compounds.

8-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises metal flakes.

13. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises metal flakes.

14. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises titanium dioxide.

15. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises titanium dioxide.

16. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 1 wherein the molded article further comprises crosslinked polymethylmethacrylate minispheres.

17. (Currently Amended) The process of Claim 3 wherein the molded article further comprises crosslinked polymethylmethacrylate minispheres.

18. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the resin is aromatic polycarbonate.

19. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the resin is allyldiglycol carbonate.

20-21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A process of dyeing a molded article comprising the steps of:

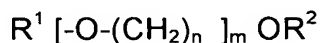
- (i) preparing a dyeing bath comprising the following sequential steps,
  - (a) mixing at least one dye with a carrier to form a dye-carrier mixture, and
  - (b) adding water to said dye-carrier mixture to form said dyeing bath comprising said carrier and a tinctorial amount of said dye;

(b) adding water to said dye-carrier mixture to form said dyeing bath comprising said carrier and a tinctorial amount of said dye;

- (ii) immersing at least a portion of said article in said dyeing bath, said dyeing bath being maintained at a temperature of 90 to 99°C;
- (iii) retaining said portion in said bath for a period of time sufficient to allow a tinting amount of dye to diffuse into said article; and
- (iv) removing said article from said bath,

wherein said molded article comprises at least one polymeric resin selected from the group consisting of (co)polyester, (co)polycarbonates, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, polyamide, polyurethane, polyalkyl(meth)acrylate and styrene copolymers, and

further wherein said carrier is represented by the following formula,



wherein  $R^2$  and  $R^1$  independently denote H or  $C_{1-18}$  alkyl, benzyl, benzoyl or phenyl radical,  $n$  is 2 or 3 and  $m$  is 2-35.

23. (New) The process of Claim 22 wherein said dye is a disperse dye.

24. (New) The process of Claim 22 wherein  $R^2$  is butyl and  $R^1$  is H.

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